

Anne Arundel - 773
Union Memorial Church (Methodist) (Site)
Rte. 214
Davidsonville, MD 21035

1873, 1952

Union Memorial Methodist Church stands 20' from the south side of Rte. 214, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Davidsonville. The present stucco building was erected in 1952. During the Civil War the Davidsonville Methodist Church was the only Methodist Church in southern Anne Arundel County to withdraw from the Northern Methodist Convention and become a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. This group supported slavery. It left the black Methodists that had long attended the Davidsonville church without a place to worship. This situation caused the formation of Union Memorial Church.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Union Memorial Church (Methodist) (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 214

CITY, TOWN

Davidsonville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trustees, Union Memorial Church

Telephone #: 798-0526

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 214

CITY, TOWN

Davidsonville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 21035

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel CO. Court House

Liber #: SH 16

Folio #: 6

STREET & NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AA-773

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE 1873

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Union Memorial Methodist Church stands 20' from the south side of Rte.214, 1/2 mile from Davidsonville. The present stucco building was built in 1952. It is a gable building measuring 26' across the front and is 48' in depth. The entrance is on the north east corner of the building and faces east. The building is of no architectural interest, but photographs and slides are included.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Union Memorial Methodist Church is of interest to historians for two reasons;

1) During the Civil War the Davidsonville Methodist Church was the only Methodist Church in southern Anne Arundel County to withdraw from the Northern Methodist Convention and become a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. This group supported slavery. It left the black Methodists that had long attended the Davidsonville Church without a place to worship. This situation caused the founding of Union Memorial Church.

2) Union Memorial Methodist Church is the only black Methodist Church located in Davidsonville. It has survived in the wealthiest tobacco region for over 100 years. Union Memorial was also the site of the only Davidsonville Northern Methodist Convention Church for 36 years.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American
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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Northwest elevation
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